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The crippled submarine F-4 this afternoon lies on the ocean floor more than 300 feet below the surface, with the dredge California in position over the spot, and ready to commence the attempt to raise her as soon as the necessary tackle can be rigged.

An ever-increasing stream of bubbles rising to the surface in two places nearly 100 feet apart, indicates that the shell of the boat has been pierced in more than one place, and that the air in her is being displaced.

There is still a chance that the crew is alive, but it is a slim one, for at such a depth it is not believed that the submarine can withstand the enormous pressure.

On the tender Alert a man has been "listening in" on the submarine telephone for 48 hours, but no signal has been heard. If those aboard were alive, it is believed that they would try to send out signals by tapping on the shell, and these taps would have been caught by the delicate receiving instruments.

Even under the most favorable conditions it is unlikely that the F-4 will be brought to the surface before tonight, but the fate of the crew will be definitely known as soon as she is dragged into shallow enough water for the divers to descend. If there is life aboard it will be known by direct signals.

Navy officers and the operating staff of the Hawaiian Dredging Company handling the dredge California are speeding up the work of rescue as fast as possible, but it is slow work at best. To maneuver the big California over the exact spot took time, and then it was necessary to spend several hours rigging hoisting tackle that could find a purchase on the sunken boat. To add to the troubles of the workers one end of the drag that held fast on the submarine yesterday, parted this morning, so that now there is only one end of the drag line fast. If this is fouled somewhere on the F-4 it will be possible to give her the forward drag on which the workers are counting. If, however, the chain is clear, it will probably slip off when the tugs start to pull.

#### BUZZER FINDS CRAFT

All doubt regarding the exact position of submarine F-4 was removed this morning when a delicate electrical apparatus faintly though positively recorded signals which to the waiting corps of navy officials and civilian engineers indicated that the magnet end of the cable had come in contact with the steel body of the submarine.

A series of soundings were soon rewarded by an answering signal, at least five contacts being recorded. The California has been temporarily moored at a spot which yesterday had been swept by the U. S. navy tug Navajo and Matson tug Intrepid. To the point where the connecting steel cable is be-laying heavy anchors which are expected to hold the dredger was then towed.

The steam derrick that accompanied the California from Pearl Harbor last night was employed early this morning in laying heavy anchors which are expected to hold the dredger in place.

In following a general line of sounding, the position of the submarine is said to have been well defined. Indications are that it had become lodged at a slope or ledge on the bottom and was lying in about 300 feet of water. The submarine was thought to lie in an almost due north and south position.

#### DIFFICULT TO GRAPPLE

The plan on which the rescuers on the dredge California are working is to get a chain under the sunken F-4 and give her enough lift to allow the tugs to ease her off the ledge on



With a powerful dredge, tugs, launches, rowboats and craft of other descriptions employed in the work of raising the F-4, the sea-front beyond the harbor channel is dotted with vessels. Above are shown some of them, photographed for the Star-Bulletin during the work this morning. The big dredge California is shown while attempts are being made to rig tackle to the submarine. The small boat is being used by the divers, the figure standing being that of Ensign Bates, in command.—Kodagraph Prints.

### ITALY READY TO CAST DIE, SAYS LONDON

Declaration of War on Side of Allies Is Imminent, Rome Despatches Declare

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] LONDON, Eng., March 27.—Italy's decision as to whether it will enter the war on the side of the Allies is believed here to be imminent. That it will be for war is little doubted. Rome despatches say every preparatory action taken by the government indicates that it will join the Allies.

From the Balkans come similar reports. Despatches today say Bulgaria will follow Rumania and Italy. The view of the British press is that Italy and the Balkan nations have been remaining on the fence to see how the struggle for the Dardanelles is decided. Now they will jump in with the victor.

Prince George of Greece has left for Italy to seek support for King Constantine's neutral policy. It is said here Holland is showing an increased resentment over the injury to Dutch shipping.

### LAST RUSSIAN OUT OF PRUSSIA, SAYS BERLIN

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] BERLIN, Germany, March 27.—The last Russian soldier has been expelled from northern East Prussia, is the official claim here. The Germans are now before Polangen. Staff officers and military experts are of the opinion that Russia is rehabilitating its army from its recent defeat in the Mazurian lakes region and will soon be ready to resume the offensive.

(Additional Associated Press news on page 3.)

### VILLA BEGINS SHARP ATTACK ON CARRANZA

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] BROWNSVILLE, Texas, March 27.—Villa opened up a cavalry attack on the Carranza garrison near Matamoras and sharp fighting was begun. Villa has 7000 troops to pit against the "first chief's" 4200 men.

Col. A. P. Blockson of the United States army border patrol notified both belligerents to avoid endangering the lives and property on the American side.

### OKUMA STRENGTHENS GRIP ON PARLIAMENT BY RECENT ELECTION

(Special to Nippu Jiji.) TOKIO, Japan, March 27.—From what is known of the election returns the next Japanese parliament will be almost entirely of the governmental party. Premier Okuma and his cabinet will be retained.

Premier Okuma dissolved the last parliament December 25, 1914, because it was controlled by the people's party and opposed his policy of army extension in Korea. It is understood that Okuma's plan to station 30,000 more troops in Korea will be supported by the new parliament.

### PROCEEDINGS BEGUN AGAINST ODENWALD

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The federal attorney at San Juan has notified Secretary Bryan he has begun proceedings against the interned Odenwald for its attempt to escape from the port of San Juan. The ship has been formally libelled.

### SHIPPING BILL INQUIRY ENDS WITHOUT RESULT

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The investigation made by the senate ship bill committee into the so-called lobby influence working to block the bill is virtually ended. "Absolutely nothing of any consequence has come out of it," said Senator Sutherland, discussing the committee's findings.

#### SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.95 cents. Previous quotation, 4.955 cents.

### JOHNSON FIGHT IS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 5

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] HAVANA, Cuba, March 27.—The Johnson-Willard fight has been postponed one day until April 5 at the request of the president of Cuba. This was done because of the strong popular objection to holding the fight on Easter Sunday.

### MORE THAN ONE CONGRESS PARTY TO VISIT HERE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The large congressional party which is to tour Hawaii is being assembled. Representatives W. A. Jones of Virginia, author of the Jones Philippine bill; Representative F. J. Garrett of Tennessee and Representative H. M. Townner of Iowa are planning to tour Hawaii at their own expense and later go to Guam and the Philippines.

The Star-Bulletin has also received information that Representative Gillett of Massachusetts is planning to accompany former Senator Burton of Ohio to Australia and New Zealand during the coming summer. Burton sailed for South America March 20 and will return to San Francisco in July.

Immediately afterward, if his present plans are carried out, he and Gillett will sail for Australia and New Zealand. It is a pleasure tour, but Gillett said he proposed to study government ownership problems particularly. They will come by way of Hawaii.

### BRITAIN SETS LIMIT ON SHIPPING AT FOLKESTONE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Announcement has been received from the British admiralty that two lightships are to be moored off Folkestone between which all shipping must pass.

Two young girls were killed and another fatally injured in a grade crossing accident near Folkestone, England, yesterday.

### SMALL HOPE IN WASHINGTON CREW OF F-4 WILL BE SAVED

"Little Short of a Miracle If There are Any Survivors," Is View of Navy Officials—Say Time Since Lost Too Long For Any Chance of Rescuing Men Alive

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—There is little hope here that the men in the submarine F-4 will be saved. The position taken is that the length of time the craft has been submerged and the lack of any sign from it indicates the men are lost. "It will be little short of a miracle if there are any survivors," is the statement of one official.

### "Submarine Accidents Bound To Happen," Says Navy Officer

"We have been dreading an accident of this sort for the last few years," said a naval officer aboard the California this morning. "There have been 16 major submarine accidents, and so far the U. S. navy has gone scot-free, although we've done our share and more of submarine work. The law of averages was bound to assert itself sooner or later. In an extra-hazardous service, like submarining, accidents are sure to happen sooner or later."

### AUSTRIANS MADE GALLANT STAND FOR PRZEMYSL

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] PRZEMYSL, Galicia, March 27.—The story of the last stand made to save this stronghold is just coming out. The heaviest bombardment of the siege, and perhaps of the entire war, came on the night preceding capitulation. Fire of every kind poured on the forts and the city throughout the night. Ten thousand shells were fired in two hours.

At dawn the Russians began their last rush. The artillery slackened and the Russians closed in, the Austrian outposts at the same time retiring. With all hope gone the Austrians began dynamiting forts and other

### WILL GRANT EXTRA TIME FOR VESSELS TO GET LIFE SAVING APPARATUS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Because shipping men say they will be unable to get the life-saving apparatus required by the seamen's bill by July 1, it is probable that Secretary Redfield will remit the fines for failure to provide such apparatus when satisfactory showing is made that it was impossible to get the equipment.

subterranean mines to stop the invaders. At 8 o'clock the white flag was flown. A short time later the defending divisions marched out, throwing away their arms. While the parleys for the surrender were on, the Austrians destroyed the remainder of their ammunition.

A bill was introduced in the Italian chamber of deputies by Premier Sonnino containing measures against

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